

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 4

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**SUBJECT: METROPOLITAN DIVISION FUNCTIONS AND DEFINITIONS -
REVISED**

PURPOSE: Metropolitan Division is a vital entity within the operations of the Department, and is responsible for a variety of functions and duties. This Order revises Metropolitan Division's mission, functions, and special duties.

PROCEDURE:

I. METROPOLITAN DIVISION FUNCTIONS - REVISED. Metropolitan Division is responsible for the following duties:

- * Crime Task Force to handle special crime problems that are beyond the capabilities of a particular geographic bureau;
- * Providing security for visiting dignitaries;
- * Conducting surveillance;
- * Conducting stakeouts;
- * Providing mobile reserves to assist Department personnel during riots, natural disasters, and unusual occurrences requiring additional personnel;
- * Providing personnel protection details;
- * Maintaining selective enforcement in areas of high crime frequency;
- * Tactical Support Element (TSE);
- * Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team and Crisis Negotiation Tactics (CNT) Team;
- * Canine Platoon;
- * Mounted Platoon;
- * Immediate Action/Rapid Deployment (IARD);
- * Rapid Extraction and Dismantling (RED) Team; and,
- * Developing tactics and related training to meet Department needs.

II. METROPOLITAN DIVISION ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

A. Tactical Support Element.

1. Objectives. Missions of the TSE shall include:

- * Conventional and unconventional crowd management and mass arrest;
- * Providing IARD counter assault response to armed suspects;

- * Evacuating/rescuing trapped persons;
- * Providing security to emergency services in hostile areas;
- * Restoring and maintaining order;
- * Protecting lives;
- * Arresting law violators;
- * Providing high profile patrol;
- * Supporting SWAT missions to include citizen/police/fire rescue, barricaded subjects, and/or snipers;
- * Deploying of authorized less lethal munitions and chemical agent; and,
- * Other high-risk missions beyond the capabilities of conventional police resources or Mobile Field Forces.

2. Configuration. Tactical Support Elements will be configured according to their mission assignment. Personnel may be equipped with tactical equipment including less lethal crowd management munitions and approved chemical agent delivery systems.

B. Special Weapons and Tactics Teams. Special Weapons and Tactics Teams respond upon the request of the Incident Commander (IC) to barricaded/hostage incidents, and/or suicide intervention, as well as initiate service of high risk warrants for all Department entities.

1. Barricaded/Hostage Incidents. The IC at a barricaded or hostage incident shall request SWAT when all of the following criteria are met:

- * The suspect is probably armed;
- * The suspect is believed to have been involved in a criminal act or is a significant threat to the lives and safety of the public and/or police;
- * The suspect is in a position of advantage, affording cover and concealment or is contained in an open area and the presence or approach of police officers could precipitate an adverse reaction by the suspect; and,
- * The suspect refuses to submit to arrest.

2. Crisis Negotiation Tactics Team. The CNT Team shall respond upon request of the IC to incidents

that involve suspects whom have taken a hostage(s) and/or involve a suicidal subject(s). The CNT Team's functions are to:

- * Establish and maintain an open line of communication with a barricaded suspect or subject threatening suicide;
- * Negotiate release of hostages, surrender of suspects, and/or subjects threatening suicide;
- * Provide intelligence to the IC at barricaded suspect, hostage, and attempted suicide incidents;
- * Conduct post-incident debriefings of hostages; and,
- * Provide the IC with advice and training regarding deployment of a CNT Team.

3. High Risk Warrant Service. Factors that should be considered when determining the need for SWAT expertise and assistance with warrant service:

- * Unusual circumstances beyond the capabilities of normal warrant service;
- * Heavily fortified location;
- * Weapons are present and have been used in the past (high power, high volume, automatic, etc.);
- * Gang members are known to be present;
- * Use of diversionary tactics is anticipated; and,
- * Door and window pulls are anticipated.

C. Immediate Action/Rapid Deployment. Immediate Action/Rapid Deployment is the swift and immediate deployment of law enforcement resources to on-going, life threatening situations where delay could otherwise result in death or great bodily injury to innocent persons. Immediate Action/Rapid Deployment will generally require the immediate configuration of responding resources into Contact and Rescue Teams. The overall objective of a Contact and/or Rescue Team is to save as many lives as possible through a coordinated effort.

The primary mission of a Contact Team is to limit the movement of a suspect(s), stop the deadly behavior, prevent escape, and provide a preliminary assessment of the incident.

The mission of a Rescue Team is to rescue and recover victim(s), move them to a safe area, and obtain medical treatment if necessary. Accomplishment of this mission requires coordinated actions with the team leader of the Contact Team. Generally, these teams comprise a minimum of four officers each.

D. Rapid Extraction and Dismantling Team. The mission of the RED Team is to provide support to field personnel who are presented with a civil disturbance that is beyond the capabilities of field personnel. The RED Team is responsible for:

- * Responding upon the request of the IC with specially trained and equipped personnel to defeat man-made obstacles used to enhance acts of civil disobedience; and,
- * Overcoming unlawful deployment of subjects or obstacles through the use of technical rope operations and/or mechanical dismantling techniques.

The IC at a civil disobedience incident shall request the RED Team when the following criteria are met:

- * Subject is engaged in a crime;
- * Subject refuses to submit to arrest; and,
- * Subject has positioned himself/herself in such a manner or location that defeats conventional methods and means to affect his/her removal and arrest.

AMENDMENTS: This Order amends Sections 2/634.01, 4/214.15, 4/212.72 and 4/212.76 of the Department Manual.

AUDIT RESPONSIBILITY: The Commanding Officer, Uniformed Services Group, shall monitor compliance with this directive in accordance with Department Manual Section 0/080.30.

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